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TO : Assistant Director, ER  
THRU : Chief, Economic Research Area  
FROM : Chief, Services Division

DATE: 27 June 1956

SUBJECT: Transmittal of Project No. 42.998, "Soviet Gold Sales, 1955"

1. This project was prepared in response to a request from the Economic Defense Intelligence Committee (EDIC) as the second in a series of regular semi-annual reports on Soviet Bloc sales of gold. It was agreed at an EDIC meeting on 16 September 1955 that CIA should assume responsibility for this project. Soviet gold sales are an important part of the Soviet balance of payments and thus of considerable intelligence significance.

2. The project represents a compilation and evaluation of information on Soviet gold sales during the year 1955.

3. No special priority is requested.

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